

REF FOR ACDS(OPS) - COS MEETING 28 APR 82 (1030 - ON CALL)

AGENDA ITEM 1 (INTELLIGENCE)

1. The latest INTSUMS are in the DSC Folder.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (OWN FORCES)

2. TOTE as at 280600 Apr 82 (1).

3. SOUTH GEORGIA

- a. Garrison. M Coy Gp RM (Total approx 120) established ashore and preparing defensive and Op positions. To be supported by HMS PLYMOUTH, ENDURANCE and RFA BLUE ROVER. M Coy Gp are landing 60 days rations, first line ammo and 29 days DAER.

- b. Prisoners. Approx 185 prisoners (incl CIVS) being moved to ASI in TIDESPRING, escorted by HMS ANTRIM, for interrogation under MOD arrangements, then for repatriation by air. Timings NYK.

- c. CTG 317.9 has also been asked by MOD (4) to evacuate the 13 BAS and 2 TV Girls at the same time as the prisoners.

4. Naval

- a. Battle group (317.8.4). 400 miles NE of MEZ. Best speed.

- b. Amphibious group (317.0.1) At ASI but CTF 317 has stated his intention to sail the group on 29 April. This is however subject to OD(SA) decision today.

- c. ANTRIM Group (317.9). At S GEORGIA but TIDESPRING escorted by ANTRIM is returning to ASI. CTG 317.9 CHOP to PLYMOUTH on ANTRIM departure. Timings NYK because PLYMOUTH is detailed to transfer SAS/SBS/NGFS forces to 317.8.4.

- d. ARGONAUT group 700 miles N of ASI. ETD 29 Apr. SOA 20 knots.

5. Other Shipping.

a. UGANDA 90 miles N of ASI. ETD 28 Apr.

6. Air

a. VULCANS. 4 crews successfully uplifted maximum fuel loads during Air to Air refuelling sorties yesterday, 2 Vulcans deploy to ASI with Victor support en route to arrive 290600.

b. HARRIERS. Initial firing of the AIM 9 missile from the HARRIERS GR3 of No 1 Sqn is planned for today. Work is also underway to fit CHAFF/FLARE dispensers to the aircraft before their deployment to ASI.

c. NIMRODS. Today, one sortie will be flown from ASI to relocate the RIO DE LA PLATO. A second aircraft will search off the southern sector of ASI to locate a Soviet AGI.

7. Ascension Fuel. BDS signal 271627Z Apr 82 (2) states that the USNS NECHES due ASI 6 May en route to ASI with aviation fuel has lost a boiler and turned back. The earliest a replacement can arrive is 081200 May. Currently stocks are adequate until 10 May. The aviation fuel situation could therefore become 'tight' 8-10 May.

8. Ascension Training. CBSFU ASI has requested an embargo on transport movements from 27-30 Apr (1400-1700) so that each Commando in the Amphibious Assault Group can practice airborne assaults. Many troops have never operated from helicopters and some ships have not operated helicopters in this role.

9. Manpower Deployed. Manpower deployed on OP CORPORATE as at 271800 Apr is:

RN	9517	RFA	1900
RM	3286		
Army	3165		
RAF	<u>627</u>		
TOTAL	16595		

AGENDA ITEM 3 (PUBLIC RELATIONS)

DCPR has been under some pressure this morning because of extensive media reports of "Landings on the FIs".

AGENDA ITEM 4 (ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED)

11. Actions. Items (3) of your concern arising from COS Mtg 32 Minutes 27 Apr are:

- a. 0068 (OP PARAQUET - Prisoners): This was answered by our signal 270835Z Apr 82 (4).
- b. 0069. (BAS Personnel on S GEORGIA). Answer is as above (4).
- c. 0070 (S GEORGIA Garrison). This appears to have also been answered by (4) but the Garrison outline plans in CTG 317's signal (5) are not specifically mentioned.
- d. 0072 (Argentine Fishing Vessels). ND have passed names to FCO.
- e. 0073 (Threat from Argentine Carrier) - see Agenda Item 5.

12. Decisions Required. There is now only one outstanding decision (6) - ROE for TEZ. This awaits OD(SA) approval to implement. ROE have been circulated.

AGENDA ITEM 5 (THE ARGENTINIAN AIRCRAFT CARRIER)

13. Draft OD(SA) paper (7) attached. CTF 317's comments are not included (due by 280800).

AGENDA ITEM 6 (THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 AND TREATMENT OF PRISONERS)

14. A note by the Defence Secretariat (8) is attached. We have no comment on the conclusions.

AGENDA ITEM 7 (UNFORESEEN MATTERS)

15. OP CORPORATE - SPEAKING BRIEF FOR UKMILREP (9) This paper is not on the Agenda but might be raised as it is due for clearance by the silence procedure by 231200 Apr. We have no comments.

16. INCREASE IN FORCE LEVELS. CTF 317 has requested (10) a minimum increase in military force level of Brigade size with necessary supporting assets. CGS may raise the deployment of the reconstituted 5 Inf Bde (Bns are now 2 SG, 1 WG and 1/7 GR).